The Gift of Revelation

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Baba and Mansoor sat in their garden, watching the golden hues of the sunset. Mansoor, with a curious glint in his eyes, turned to his father.

Mansoor: Baba, how did Prophet Muhammad ﷺ receive messages from Allah?

Baba smiled, sensing a beautiful lesson unfolding.

Baba: That's a wonderful question, my dear. There is a Hadith in Sahih Bukhari where Aisha (RA), the wife of the Prophet ﷺ, shared how revelation would come to him. Sometimes, it sounded like the ringing of a bell—this was the hardest way. Other times, the angel Jibreel (AS) would come in the form of a man and speak to him.

Mansoor's eyes widened in amazement.

Mansoor: Like a bell? That must have been difficult!

Baba nodded.

Baba: Yes, my son. Aisha (RA) even saw the Prophet ﷺ receiving revelation on a cold day, and yet, drops of sweat appeared on his forehead because of how powerful it was.

Mansoor thought for a moment, then asked.

Mansoor: But Baba, why did Allah send messages this way?

Baba: Because the words of Allah are special, my son. They carry wisdom, guidance, and mercy. The Prophet ﷺ was chosen to bring this message to us, and he carried this responsibility with great patience and love.

Mansoor smiled.

Mansoor: So, the Quran is a gift from Allah?

Baba: Yes, a most precious gift. That's why we should love it, read it, and follow it. Just as the Prophet ﷺ carefully listened and learned, we too must open our hearts to its guidance.

Mansoor looked up at the sky, feeling a deep sense of gratitude.

Mansoor: I want to learn the Quran, Baba.

Baba wrapped his arm around his son.

Baba: InshaAllah, my dear. Step by step, with love and sincerity, just as the Prophet ﷺ taught us.